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TO	Chief, IO (Attn: [redacted]
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FROM	Chief, Munich Operations Group
DATE	22 December 1961
SUBJECT	CAMOG/DTDORIC/OKACTIVE/Operations Transmittal of [redacted] Comments re McKinney RUSSELL
RE: "43-3" — (CHECK "X" ONE)	
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ACTION REQUIRED	See below
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1. [redacted] has requested that the following information regarding McKinney RUSSELL's proposed Career Agent status be transmitted to Headquarters:

"The prospect of the Subject's accepting Career Agent status has been discussed with him on several occasions. He has reviewed the sample contract and has indicated the following problems which he would like resolved prior to entering into any formal relationship with KUBARK:

" a) Russell is due for a within-grade increase of $500 per annum on February 1, 1962. Without going into the financial breakdown (these figures will, of course, be available to Headquarters), Russell's net salary, after 1 February 1962, will be approximately $9,048 per annum. Under the proferred arrangement ($10,255 per annum) he would stand actually to lose money when he started paying U.S. income tax. It is requested that Headquarters review this matter and, if warranted, make whatever readjustment possible so that the signing of the Career Agent contract will in fact represent a financial gain for Russell.

"b) Because of Russell's considerable ability, there is the possibility that his assignments within the Committee framework might represent substantial career progress for him. For example, in view of several pending personnel shifts, it may develop that Russell would be in line for the position of American Advisor to the Russian Desk, which would also entail a substantial Committee salary increase. Even a raise to Chief of the News Desk would involve such a substantial increase. What readjustment in the original salary agreed upon can be made in the event Russell's Committee salary is raised to the point that it becomes financially unprofitable for him to maintain his Career Agent status?

"c) Russell presently engages in outside free-lance activity (e.g., as European correspondent for radio station WNEW in New York) which at the present time nets him approximately $2500 per annum. Are any restrictions on this activity contemplated, and does this additional earning affect in any way his net from the Career Agent status?

"d) Russell has raised in some detail the question of other assignments and of possible career planning. I have explained to him that the immediate aim of the Career Agent status is to ensure that his services remain available to this project for a reasonable period. A secondary benefit which accrues to both Russell and KUBARK is the prospect that when it is mutually agreed that he can be of more value to another KUBARK activity, efforts will be made to find such an assignment for him. Russell has specific suggestions in this regard and Headquarters' advice is requested as to whether it might be feasible to ask Russell to prepare in writing a formal career program indicating specifically what assignments he feels may be mutually advantageous.

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"It is anticipated that [redacted] will not reply in detail to the Career Agent proposal until his return from a planned trip to PBPRIME in the spring of 1962.

"As far as is known to me, the Career Agent contract has not been discussed with Modaber as yet. [redacted] wanted additional time to consider whether or not it should be done."

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